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Lewistown, MT----The Bureau of Land Management will host a public meeting Thursday, May 3, from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at the Lewistown Field Office (920 NE Main Street) to continue collaborative efforts with the public concerning the implementation of forestry and fuels projects on public lands in the Judith and Moccasin Mountains.

During this meeting, guest speakers from the MSU Fergus County Extension Office, Fergus County Weed District, the BLM, and Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation will discuss treatment of weeds across ownerships and forest management within streamside management zones. The group will also consider tentative unit boundaries and treatment options for the Maiden project.

Silvicultural prescriptions (descriptions of various forest treatments) will be distributed for participants to review before an early summer field trip.

"We certainly encourage anyone interested to attend; working together usually provides better opportunities to implement projects, accomplish shared objectives, and coordinate treatments across ownerships," said Brad Eckert (a BLM forester in Lewistown).

If you are unable to attend this meeting, but would like to be kept informed, or if you have questions or comments, please contact Bruce Reid, Brad Eckert, or Jennifer Walker (BLM forestry and fuels staff) at 538-1900. Additional information is also available on the group's website:

http://www.blm.gov/mt/st/en/fo/lewistown field office/judith moccasin.html>.

Again, all interested publics are invited to meet at the BLM Lewistown Field Office, 920 NE Main Street, on Thursday, May 3rd from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to continue the collaborative process related to forest management in the Judith and Moccasin Mountains.